

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Applicants' thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-11 and 14-15.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 14-15 were pending. By way of the present Reply, claims 1 and 8-11 are currently amended. Claims 9-11 have been amended to correct clerical errors. Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 14-15 are now pending and submitted for consideration.

IDS Submitted September 24, 2004

Applicants thank the Examiner for initialing the IDS submitted August 29, 2008. Applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the forms submitted with the IDS filed by Applicants on September 24, 2004, be initialed by the Office and a copy of the form showing the initialization be provided to Applicants' agent.

Objection to claims 1 and 8

The Office objects to claims 1 and 8 for informalities. Applicants have amended the claims as appropriate. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

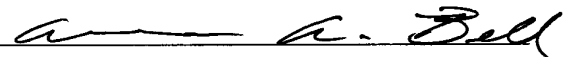
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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